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SUBJECT: U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION: TRAVEL OF  
CHAIRMAN BYINGTON

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO COORDINATE VISIT OF  
CHAIRMAN BYINGTON AND MR. HEIDEN WITH DE GRASSI (TOKYO) BUT  
SINCE A CERTAIN CONFUSION REMAINS AS TO SPECIFIC TRANSPOR-  
TATION AND SCHEDULING, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT PASS  
ON TO MR. BYINGTON PLANS AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM.

2. AS TO HANEDA AIRPORT PICK-UP, NOTWITHSTANDING  
INSTRUCTIONS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REFTEL A (PARA 2) AND  
REFTEL C (PARA 2), MR. SWIT (EDITOR, PRODUCT SAFETY  
LETTER), WHO IS NOW IN TOKYO, HAS INSTRUCTED DE GRASSI  
TO CANCEL THE CAR THEY HAD ARRANGED FOR AIRPORT PICK-UP  
WITH EXPLANATION THAT SINCE MR. BYINGTON IS U.S.G. OFFICIAL  
HE WILL NOT WISH TO BE MET BY NON-OFFICIAL CAR. EMBASSY  
HAS EXPLAINED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS  
AS STATED REFTELS, BUT MR. WIT FELT STRONGLY THAT  
THIS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. EMBASSY WILLING TO  
ARRANGE PICK UP. WILL HAVE TO RENT CAR/DRIVER FOR BOTH  
PICK UP AND DEPARTURE, HOWEVER, SINCE NO EMBASSY CARS  
AVAILABLE THOSE HOURS EXCEPT ONE RESERVED FOR DUTY  
OFFICER.

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3. AS TO INTERPRETER, WE UNDERSTAND MR. BYINGTON  
WILL NOT NEED PRIVATE INTERPRETER DURING BOTH MORNING  
SESSIONS, BUT ONLY AFTER SESSIONS CONCLUDED. WE HAVE  
INFORMED MR. SWIT THAT WE WILL ARRANGE FOR CLASS A  
COMMERCIAL INTERPETER (REFTEL C, PARAS 2 AND 6)  
FOR AFTERNOONS OF MONDAY, MARCH 28 AND TUESDAY MARCH

29. ALSO NO INTERPRETER HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 27 FOR TRIP TO KYOTO. IF MR. BYINGTON PREFERS, WE WILL ARRANGE ONE. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD INVOLVE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF TRAIN FARE FOR INTERPRETER TO AND FROM KYOTO. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW APPROXIMATELY HOW LATE ON EVENINGS OF MARCH 28 AND 29 MR. BYINGTON WILL NEED INTERPRETER.

4. CONCERNING TRAVEL TO KYOTO, MR. BYINGTON SHOULD

BE ADVISED THAT HIS TRIP COINCIDES WITH ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION STRIKE PERIOD. WHILE NO STRIKES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 27, STRIKES ARE PLANNED FOR MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 28. UNSCHEDULED INTERRUPTIONS OF TRAIN SERVICE MAY OCCUR ON OTHER DAYS, HOWEVER. SINCE THERE IS NO WAY TO RESERVE TRAIN TICKETS IN JAPAN WITHOUT ADVANCE PAYMENT, MR. BYINGTON SHOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE TICKETS PURCHASED AT TOKYO CENTRAL STATION FOR TIME HE WOULD TO LEAVE. SHINKANSEN (BULLET) TRAINS LEAVE APPROXIMATELY EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES, AND EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION OFFICE ADVISES THAT GETTING SEATS ON GREEN CAR (BULLET TRAIN FIRST CLASS CAR) SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

5. CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS ON AFTERNOONS OF MARCH 28 AND 29, DE GRASSI HAS ARRANGED TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT ONUKI OF NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN FOR 1630 ON MARCH 28. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE UNCLASSIFIED

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APPOINTMENTS WITH MITI (WAKABAYASHI) AND SONY FOR AFTERNOON OF MARCH 29 (PER REFTEL C, PARA 2). MITI AND SONY BOTH URGENTLY REQUEST TO KNOW SUBJECTS MR. BYING WISY TO DISCUSS. DEPARTMENT PLEASE INFORM ASAP.

6. PER REFTEL C, PARA 6, PLEASE CABLE ASAP CPSC FISCAL DATA TO COVER TO COVER COSTS OF INTERPRETER AND PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR MEETINGS ON MARCH 28 AND 29.

7. TO RECAP, PLEASE ADVISE ON FOLLOWING POINTS.  
(A) AIRPORT PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS. (B) ACCEPTABILITY OF AFTERNOON APPOINTMENTS ON MARCH 28 AND 29.  
(C) SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH MITI AND SONY ON MARCH 29. (D) ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERPRETER.  
(E) FISCAL DATA FOR CPSC REIMBURSEMENT OF COMMERCIAL COSTS.

8. FOR DEPARTMENT: WE ARE SOMEWH CONCERNED AT  
LAST MINUTE SWITCH IN SIGNALS FOR MR. BYINGTON'S  
VISIT. SINCE DE GRASSI HAS HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
COORDINATING VISIT OVER PAST FEW MONTHS, EMBASSY  
ASSUMED THEY WOULD HANDLE ALL ARRANGEMENTS. DIRECTIONS  
MR. SWIT IS GIVING DE GRASSI IN TOKYO ARE CONTRARY  
TO THOSE WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT. WHILE  
THIS IS CREATING SOME CONFUSION, WE ARE DOING OUR  
BEST TO SEE THAT VISIT COMES OFF SMOOTHLY.

9. PLEASE SLUG REPLY FOR R. HUFF.  
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